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own; well assured besides, that, as you have constantly shewn, this feeling is reciprocal.

"Allow me, Mr. President, to embrace this opportunity of offering you the expression of my personal sentiments of respect and high consideration.

(Signed)

"P. BROCA, *Secretary-General.*"

*Vienna Imperial Academy of Sciences.—Meeting, March 17th, 1864.*

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"Dr. Aquinas Reid, general practitioner of Valparaiso, has recently transmitted to Dr. Scherzer, who presented them to the Novara Museum, a series of ethnographical objects. Among them is a complete and uncommonly well-preserved mummy from Atacama, whose head, flattened back by artificial pressure, is covered with a peruke-like cap of net-work, made from an animal's hair, into which are artificially fixed long black hairs, identical in their distinctive characters with those of the actual American race. With this mummy, human crania, pottery, tools, and textile work have been found. Dr. Reid transmitted also a box with a wool-like vegetable substance (the leaflets at the basis of the frond of several species of ferns), used in South America—as they are also in Asia and in the Indian Archipelago, for stopping hæmorrhagia. These substances contain a large proportion of tannine, to whose styptic property they probably owe a great deal of their curative virtue. Dr. Seligmann has visited during past summer, the collection of human crania of Central South Germany and Switzerland, with the special purpose to ascertain the relations extant between the longitudinal Peruvian crania (Aymara or Titicacan race) and the similarly conformed crania found in Austria, Germany, France, and Switzerland, and generally known as Avarian. After having examined every one of the six Titicacan crania preserved in the collections visited by him, besides more than 1,000 of other races, Dr. Seligmann stated that an abnormality is peculiar to this race not to be found either in the so-called Avarian crania, nor in those of any other human race or tribe. It is the existence of exostoses, thickly besetting the right or left, or both sides, the anterior or the posterior, or both portions of the meatus auditorius externus, so as to diminish, transform, and even nearly obliterate its lumen. These exostoses have an osseous hardness, a broad basis, and a size from a grain of hemp-seed to a pea. Of the six crania submitted to examination, only one wanted these exostoses, larger than are generally those caused by morbid affection of the organs of hearing.

"The flattened crania of the Atacama and the other North and South American tribes all show (an already known) peculiarity in the shape of the porus externus, it being frequently slit-like, and its direction oblique from above and before to below and behind; but not one of them offers any trace of the exostoses characteristic of the Titicacan race. Dr. Seligmann is preparing a complete monograph of these and of the so-called Avarian crania."